

**Restriction of Access to Bloomer and Goat Hill Boat-in Campgrounds during
Periods of Low Water
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Resource Action Identification Form

1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:

- a. Name of proposed Resource Action: Restriction of Access to the Bloomer and Goat Hill Boat-In Campgrounds during Periods of Low Water

2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: Potentially significant cultural resource values are exposed in the fluctuation zone during periods of low water in the vicinity of the boat-in camp grounds at Bloomer and Goat Ranch. During low water, campers must walk across archaeological sites to access the campgrounds. As a result surface archaeological materials are at risk of being illegally collected (intentionally or unintentionally). Protective measures to avoid or reduce impacts to these resources are needed. This resource action proposes to restrict access to the boat in campgrounds during low water by closing the campgrounds when the water drops to a specific level.
- b. Any physical or operational changes:
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
If Yes, Please explain: The campgrounds are currently available at all times and at all water levels. Recreational use would be restricted at the campgrounds when the reservoir dropped to specific elevations at each location.
- c. Proposed start date and duration
Start (month/yr): February, 2007. Implement as soon as possible following environmental analysis and documentation. Duration (month(s)/yr(s)): Would expect restricted access for the duration of the new license or until other methods of site protection (capping?) are determined more feasible.
- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)
☒ Inside ☐ Outside ☐ Don't know
Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: Goat Ranch and Bloomer campgrounds are located on the North Fork of the Feather River.
- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate: Closure of the campgrounds could be avoided if mitigation measures were applied to the cultural resources in the fluctuation zone adjacent to the campgrounds has taken

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place. Such measures might include data recovery of the archaeological resources or site preservation by covering (capping) the sites in some unobtrusive manner.

☐ Unknown

- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): Monitoring through DPR's Site Stewardship program would track the success of the program; i.e. monitoring the condition of the sites and whether people are continuing to access the sites.

☐ Unknown

- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Implementation of this Resource Action is very feasible, requiring only the placement of signs during low water to announce temporary access restrictions. Similar signage is used to restrict access to other seasonally environmentally sensitive areas (e.g. eagle nesting areas). Some patrolling of the camps would also be necessary to ensure that the restriction is being followed.

☐ Unknown

- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:
- ☒ Land Use and Management
 - ☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics
 - ☒ Cultural Resources
 - ☒ Engineering and Operations
 - ☒ Environmental

3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:

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- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: CRWG

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Please fill out the following questions to the best of your ability, understanding that you may not have this information or it may not be available.

4. Resource Goals:

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate:

C02.01 – Evaluate the need (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources.

C02.02 – Emphasize the protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lied beneath the reservoir).

C02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (e.g. sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdowns or through recreational activities).

C03.01 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse project effects of existing and future project facilities, operations and maintenance on cultural resources.

C03.02 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan based on an understanding of how the operation and maintenance of the project hydroelectric facilities and activities associated with the project (e.g., recreational use/developments, wildlife management, and fuel load management) could affect significant cultural resources values.

C03.03 – Develop management guidelines addressing the potential effects of project activities on cultural resources, with an emphasis on procedures needed to protect and enhance significant resource values.

☐ Unknown

- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal: Restricting access to these boat-in campgrounds during periods of low water would ensure that potentially eligible cultural resource values are not exposed to looting (intentional and unintentional) by recreational activities.

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5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s): CRE1, CRE9, CRE22

☐ Unknown

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address: Lake Oroville is a popular recreation area and on-going recreation activities are resulting in intentional and unintentional disturbance to archaeological deposits within the Project 2100 boundary.

This issue must be addressed under CEQA and NEPA, and adverse effects to significant cultural resource values must be resolved under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

☐ Unknown

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to: Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005); Lake Oroville Recreation Plan

☐ Unknown